

# Hongkong & Shanghai Times

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

3709

## Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... £1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... £1,125,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 Months ..... 5 per cent.

For 6 ..... 4 "

For 3 ..... 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1894. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... £600,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.

Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

H. Stoltefot, Esq.

Chief Manager,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches: London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—

The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 Months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [17]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... £2,000,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... £2,151,093.15.0

BANKERS: CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES: BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES: PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, COLLARD & COLLARD'S COTTAGE PIANO, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON

FRIDAY, the 30th March, 1894, commencing at 2.30 P.M. at his SALE ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET.

A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, the Property of Lieut. HELPS and other Gentlemen leaving the Colony,

Comprising:—

HALL & HOLTZ HATSTAND, TAPESTRY

PLUSH and DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, FANCY RATTAN Dine, OVERMANTELS, MARBLE-TOP FANCY and CARD TABLES, BLACKWOOD SCREENS and Dine, STOOLS & TABLES, WRITING TABLES & DESKS, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, BRUSSELS CARPETS, RUGS, CARPETS, LAMPS, &c.

ONE Collard & Collard COFFEE PIANO

check action INDIAN PIANO is good condition.

SIDEBOARDS with PLATE, GLASS BACK, DINNER WAGGONS, DINNER TABLES and CHAIRS, DINNER and DESSERT SERVICES, GLASS & ELECTRO-PLATE WARE, CUTLERY, &c.

SINGLE & DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEADS, COTS with MATTRESSES, &c. SINGLE and DOUBLE WARDROBES, PLAIN and with GLASS DOORS, MARBLE-TOP WASH- STANDS and DRESSING TABLES, BED- ROOM FURNITURE, TOILET REQUIRE- SITES, several SHANGHAI THAI, PORCE- LAIN, FLOWER-STANDS, KITCHEN UTENSILS, ICE CHESTS, &c. &c.

ALSO, TWO FINE JAPANESE-MADE RICKSHAS complete with Lanters, almost new.

On View from Thursday P.M., the 29th inst.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.

GEO. F. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1894. [203]

## Masonic.

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING will be held at the EOTHEN MARK HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY, the 29th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.

Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1894. [204]

ST. ANDREW'S C H A P T E R,

HONGKONG, No. 318, S.C.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above Chapter will be held in the FREE- MASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, on TUESDAY, the 3rd April, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely.

Visiting Companions are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1894. [205]

## Insurances.

### THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

(a) It secures an Immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.

(b) It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c) It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.

(d) The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [247]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [180]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$83,333.33-  
EQUAL TO ..... } £83,333.33-  
RESERVE FUND ..... } £318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEEU MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [174]

TO LET.

NO. 1, 5 & 7, SEYMORE TERRACE, OFFICES in Victoria Building.

The GROUND FLOOR of the Premises now in course of erection at the corner of Ice House Street and Queen's Road Central, suitable for OFFICES or SHOWS. The Floor can be divided into separate suites of Offices if necessary, to suit intending Tenants.

A LARGE and DRY GODOWN suitable for the Storage of Opium, Cotton, &c., also to be let under 4,000 Tons (gross) capacity, also to be let under the above Premises.

OFFICE in No. 4, Praya Central.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1894. [223]

TO LET.

D WELING HOUSES—

“BAHAR LODGE,” at the Peak.

“HIGHCLERE” at Magazine Gap.

No. 8, CHANCERY LANE.

No. 2, RIPON TERRACE.

FLOORS in Blue Buildings.

FLOORS in High Street, Peel Street and Stamford Street.

FLOORS in No. 6, Shelley Street.

No. 2 and 3, VICTORIA VIEW, Kowloon.

No. 4, KNOTSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon.

OFFICES—

FIRST FLOOR No. 4, Queen's Road Central, over the Bank of China, Java and the Straits, Ltd.

PRAYA CENTRAL, over Messrs. DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.

GODOWNS—

“BLUE BUILDINGS.”

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1894. [233]

TO BE LET.

NO. 5, WILD-DELL BUILDINGS

(Parished or Unparished). Five Good

Rooms situated in the best part of the building.

Apply to

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND

FINANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1894. [233]

TO BE LET.

## Intimations.

### KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

NOW READY,

TUESDAY, 6th MARCH.

### PRICE ONE DOLLAR.

### DOLLAR AND STERLING EXCHANGE TABLES

FROM 1. S. Q.D. to 1. S. I. £.<sup>1</sup><sub>12</sub>

FORMING A SUPPLEMENT TO OUR PREVIOUS EXCHANGE TABLES.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1894. [16]

### CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

Telegraphic Address: "CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

Electric Lighting throughout the Premises.

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the CALL of Fifty Cents per Share, as set forth in the PROSPECTUS, falls Due on the 31st March, and should be PAID to the Under-signed at No. 9, Praya Central, to whom the Share should be sent for endorsement.

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W. BUTTON POTTS, Secretary.

Hongkong,

Intimations.

DR. FENWICK'S FOOD  
FOR  
NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS  
ALSO FOR  
DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

IT is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.

In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:  
DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &  
COMPANY, LIMITED,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

FRANCE AND HER COLONIES.  
M. Lebas, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, asserts that the power attaching to his post is insufficient, and that there should be a Minister for the Colonies instead of merely a sub-secretary. He has therefore resigned.

The following manifesto published by M. Le Myre de Vilers, candidate in the recent Indo-Chinese elections, may or may not be apropos—  
"Paris, Feb. 8th.—Elections.—The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies has decided that M. Le Vassier was elected as your representative in the Colonial Council, with 300 votes out of 1065 voters, at the first scrutiny. Neither you nor I need pay much attention to this decision, for, whether M. Lebas likes it or not, it is I to whom you have given your confidence, by a majority of 370 votes against 439 given to my rival on the second ballot. No amount of quibbling about procedure will be enough to explain away this manifestation of freest and universal suffrage, which governs both of us. So, my dear electors, I shall continue to devote myself to your interests, by virtue of the warrant given to me by you on the 8th October last, without my asking you for it. As for M. Le Vassier, I only defy him to appear before the electors again in Annam and Tonkin. Yours, &c.—Le Myre de Vilers. Député de l'Annam à la Chambre des Députés de l'Assemblée nationale."

March 16th.

M. Lebas continues temporarily in his former post as Colonial Sub-Secretary. The proposal to create a Ministry is under discussion.

March 19th.

The Chamber of Deputies voted in favour of a Colonial Ministry; the Senate voted for it with certain reservations.

MORE DYNAMITE.

March 16th.

A bomb exploded yesterday afternoon at the Madeleine Church. Nobody was hurt except the man who carried the machine; he was a Belgian Anarchist named Paesels, and was killed.

THE RUSSO-GERMAN TREATY.

The new Russo-German commercial treaty has been signed by the Reichstag.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Russian warship *Admiral Nakhimoff* arrived today from Singapore.

H.M.S. *Indefatigable* returned on Sunday and the *Alacrity* to-day, from Batavia.

NEGOTIATIONS are in progress, the *Hyogo News* bears, for the disposal of the Japan Watch Manufacturing Company of Yokohama to native capitalists.

H.M.S. *Rambler* is shortly expected in Penang to complete the survey of the harbour of that port, the *Scouts* having left for home without finishing the work.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 8th instant, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port this morning.

A REGULAR Convocation of Cathay Chapter, No. 1105, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

CAPT. MATTHEW GIBSON, of the British steamer *Strathclyde*, of intermittent fever at Singapore on the 1st morning of the 17th inst., a few hours after the steamer had arrived from Manila en route to London.

THE *Yomi Shimbun* hears that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has recently purchased a large steamer in England with a view to putting her on the Bombay-Japan line, and that she is expected to arrive at Yokohama shortly.

LIKE all decent civilised Christians who respect such institutions as Good Friday and Easter Monday, we have now a great deal of arrears to work off after the holidays, and therefore several important items are crowded out of this issue.

A JAPANESE contemporary of the 17th inst. states that the trouble between Messrs. Samuel and Co., of Yokohama and Kobe, and the Japanese merchants of those ports, is on the eve of settlement. Messrs. Goto Katsuji, of Kobe, and Abe Hikotaro, of Osaka, intimated to the Kobe Guild their intention of acting as mediators, and their mediation was accepted by the Guild. Letters have been received from various parts of the country favouring reconciliation.

It is desired to bring off the Inter-Colonial rifle shooting match, between Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai, about the end of April or beginning of May, as was the case last year. The Singapore *Press* says that if Singapore is going to make a decent show this year it is quite time to begin serious practice, and remarks that "targets at Hongkong have been having anything but a slack time of it for many months past."

THE well-known P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Therese* changed owners the other day in Kobe, holding Japanese flags at her peak and main. Her new owners at the Chinatown Kien Kala, and she has been re-named the *Tsao Ma*.

The *Therese* is a vessel of 1071 net and 2300 gross tonnage and was built by Gourlay Brothers of Dundee in 1874, so that for twenty years she has been the world-renowned flag of the P. & O. and during that time done the Company good services.

At a Regular Meeting of the United Mark Lodge, No. 412, E.C., held on Saturday the 22nd instant, Bro. W. L. Ford was installed by Wm. Bro. L. Mallory, assisted by Wm. Bro. A. D. Gourdin, as W.M. for the ensuing year. After the installation the W.M. invited his officers as follows:

S. W. .... Bro. H. J. Watson, J. W. .... T. Howell, M. O. .... T. Moffat, S. O. .... G. J. W. King, J. O. .... Edmunds, Chaplin, T. Spofford, Hon. Secretary, S. D. .... W. H. S. Smith, D. C. .... W. Watts, J. G. .... J. Smith, Stewart, H. G. Baker, J. Maxwell.

SAVES the Singapore *Daily Advertiser* of the 16th Inst.—"Numerous are afraid that Mr. Robert Fraser-Smith, of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, intends starting a morning paper in Singapore. No doubt it will be an event when the idea takes a practical shape." "We can assure our contemporaries and all others whom it may concern that the rumours said to be afoot are only rumours—idle rumours. Mr. Fraser-Smith has not the remotest intention, and never had, of starting a morning or any other paper in Singapore; he has quite enough on hand in running the *Hongkong Telegraph* at present, with the dollar worth something under two shillings. But if he should ever decide to start a morning paper, and such a contingency is by no means a remote one, it will not be in Singapore, but either in Hongkong or Shanghai. However, the time is not yet, and existing prospects for such an enterprise are not alluring.

THE FRANCO-SIAMESE TROUBLE.

The French Government insists on an appeal being allowed against the recent judgment given by the Supreme Court of Siam in Bangkok, which acquitted Phra Yot of any complicity in the murder of Captain Grosgrain.

RUSSIA AND AFGHANISTAN.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that the Russian posts on the Afghan frontier are being largely reinforced.

BRAZIL.

PARIS, March 15th.

The Brazilian insurgents have surrendered unconditionally.

THE return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended March 25th are—Europeans, 183; Chinese, 1,823; total 2,006.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 7 a.m. yesterday, and left again at 4 p.m. for Vancouver, via Kobe and Yokohama.

AN Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 615, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, to-morrow, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE Admiral and Officers of the Chinese Northern Squadron were entertained at dinner by a large number of the leading Chinese merchants of Penang on the night of the 17th inst.

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The Presidential elections take place in Brazil to-day, and it is thought that they may bring about a termination of the war. Dr. Morais is the favourite for the Presidency, and Dr. Alfonso Pereira, the ablest statesman in Brazil, for the Vice-Presidency. Both candidates seem favourable to the majority of both parties.

March 2d.—Marshall will probably be declared in the district in West Virginia, where the miners are on strike.

The elections in Brazil passed off quietly yesterday. Dr. Morais was elected President, and Dr. Pereira, Vice-President.

The British torpedo-destroyer *Hornet* exceeded 28 knots an hour on her trial trip. She is the fastest vessel in the world.

Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons yesterday practically "declared war" against the House of Lords, and stated that he would leave the people to judge whether the Lords should have unlimited power. Mr. Gladstone made no mention of his resignation, but the *Daily News* and *Chronicle* semi-officially announced it, and state Lord Rosebery will succeed to the Premiership. Mr. Labouchere has already objected to Lord Rosebery and says the Radicals will desert the Liberal party if he is appointed.

March 3d.—His Holiness Pope Leo celebrated his 84th birthday yesterday.

The political situation in Italy is daily becoming more acute, and it is not known how Premier Crispi will get out of the present difficulty.

The private bank of Green, Worlock & Co., Victoria, suspended payment yesterday. The assets will, it is thought, more than cover the liabilities.

Mr. Gladstone went to Windsor yesterday, and it is said informally presented his resignation to the Queen. The formal ceremony is to take place to-day at a special Council to be held at Windsor.

March 4th.—The experiments of the dynamite gun on the Brazilian Government cruiser *Niteroy* have been very successful.

Admiral Da Gama says that while the Brazilian insurgents favour the return of Dr. Morais as President, the elections were illegal, because martial law was in force. Though the Brazilian Government could easily crush the insurgents, they are afraid to make an attack, so that the situation remains practically unchanged.

A revolving story of the massacre of a number of Chinese by the Government troops comes from Magde, some being killed before their mothers eyes.

#### NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Occidental and Oriental Co.'s steamship *Oceanus*, Capt. Wm. Smith, from San Francisco, via Yokohama, with the American mails up to 27th February, arrived in the harbour on Sunday. We are indebted to our San Francisco exchanges for the subjunctive telegrams.—

WASHINGTON, February 16th.

The question of inflicting a penalty on the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for a violation of the terms of the contract for carrying the mails between New York, Colon, San Francisco and Hongkong is under consideration by the Postmaster-General. The contract went into operation February 1st, 1893, and provided for ten years' service. The schedule required three trips a month between New York and Colon for the first two years and once a week for the remaining period. Between San Francisco and Hongkong the contract provided for thirteen trips a year the first two years and twenty-six the remaining eight years. As the required charge has not been made by the company, the Superintendent of Foreign Mails has brought the matter to the attention of the Postmaster-General. The penalty is discretionary with the Postmaster-General. It is possible the contract will be cancelled, resulting in the payment of the company according to the weight of the mails carried instead of on a mileage basis. The company is now paid \$1 per mile for outward trips, no compensation being paid for mails carried on return voyages.

LOMONTON, February 17th.

The steamer *Clyde* was in collision in Barry Roads with the steamer *Cadonto* to-day and six of her crew were drowned.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce strong advocacy by agents general for New Zealand and Victoria, and by Tupper for the completion of the Pacific cable received the hearty and unanimous approval of the crowded Chamber. The Victorian agent declared his intention of asking the Chamber to call a special meeting on the subject.

NEW YORK, February 17th.

Bill Nye is reported to be dying. He is lying ill at the Hotel Imperial, Niagara Falls, and his manager has cancelled all his engagements for next week.

BERLIN, February 17th.

Prince Arenberg, reporter of the Reichstag Budget Committee, has declared that the committee has arrived at the conclusion that the central administration was responsible for the recent African troubles, and must in future exercise greater judgment in the choice of officials for Africa. Hebel yesterday made a savage and sarcastic attack upon the administration of Western Africa, and denounced the pretended civilian enthusiasts.

Upon resuming the debate to-day, members were astonished to find upon the table of the House specimens of whips made out of rhinoceros hide and other implements of castigation, which, according to Hebel, were used by German officials in Western Africa to lash the unfortunate Dahomeyans.

Richter urged Germany to abandon her possessions in South-West Africa and to content with retaining her northern possessions.

In reply to the question that there was too much militarism in the management of the colonies, Caprivi admitted that an infusion of the trading element would be highly desirable, but unfortunately merchants of armaments and means were seldom inclined to go to the colonies. Misfortune occurred with all states, and it was not just to blame the German leaders for non-success.

After a long discussion the House adopted the Western African estimates.

MASSE (Italy), February 17th.

A court-martial has tried seven of the patriots recently arrested during the disturbances in this city and vicinity. Four of the prisoners were charged with belonging to a malcontents' league and inciting to civil war. Carlo Gattini, an ex-convict and leader of the band, was sentenced to twenty-five years' imprisonment, and Pietro Gattini, one of his lieutenants, to twelve years. The other members of the band were sentenced to terms ranging from three months to five years.

LONDON, February 18th.

Four thousand persons assembled in Trafalgar Square to-day in answer to an appeal for manifestations against the House of Lords for destroying certain clauses in the Parish Council Bill. The meeting adopted resolutions condemning the lords for their action in the matter. The speakers were Joseph Ash, Dr. Charles L. D. Lanier, the Irish Nationalist, Dadabhai Naoroji, the well-known Bombay merchant, and five members of the House of Commons. Arch said Lord Salisbury had done a wonderful service when he made the rope wherewith to hang the lords, and put the rope in their opponents' hands. The meeting adopted resolutions declaring the House of Lords a mischievous and useless institution and demanding that it be abolished forthwith.

NEW ORLEANS, February 18th.

The rumor published here about a week ago that the steam tug *Hillard*, belonging to the Nicaraguan Navigation Company, had been lost off the Nicaragua coast, with sixty men, has been confirmed. Not a man aboard the vessel survived to tell the story.

ALexANDRIA, February 18th.

Hans von Bulow's body will be taken from Egypt to Gotha for cremation.

LONDON, February 19th.

In the Commons to-day the Secretary for Scotland, Sir George Trevelyan, in reply to a question, said that the amendments of the Lords had rendered the Scotch Fisheries Regulations Bill useless, and the Government would therefore abandon it. [Cheers.]

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The *Observer* learns that Lord Rosebery was reluctant to accept the Premiership, but yielded to the almost universal desire of his party, and thus averted a grave crisis.

MARCH 5th.

Reuters' correspondent at Bathurst telegraphs that Major Madden, at the head of a column of West Indian troops, has occupied Busselton after a slight resistance. The enemy afterwards attacked the village in force, but were repelled with heavy loss. The losses on the British side were nine wounded.

MARCH 6th.

The *Times*, in an article to-day on India, comments on the gravity of the irritation that exists in India regarding the exemption of duties on cotton goods imported into India, and concludes by saying that the spell wherewith Great Britain holds India is losing somewhat of its power, and that if ever it is altogether dissolved, nothing could restore it moral ascendancy.

MARCH 7th.

The death is announced of Baron Tweedmouth. Lord Rosebery will to-day submit to the Queen a list of members of his Cabinet.

MARCH 8th.

The Royal Speech at the closing of the Sessions will be most brief and will merely refer to the advantages to be derived from the *Particular and Labour Bills*; no allusion will be made to foreign politics.

MARCH 9th.

Mr. Gladstone before retiring, conferred the following honours: Mr. Stewart Rendel and Sir Reginald Earle Wilby, Secretary to the Treasury, both raised to the peerage; Sir Algernon West, appointed a Privy Councillor, and Mr. Cowan of Beechick, Midlothian, created a Baronet. The Hon. G. W. Spencer Lytton and Mr. George H. Murray, Private Secretaries to Mr. Gladstone, appointed Companions of the Bath.

MARCH 10th.

Mr. Arquith, Home Secretary, in reply to the request of Professor Tyndall, who recently returned from America, that he be accorded an interview with Mrs. Maybrick in order to induce her to consent to be hypnotized and questioned while in that state for the purpose of establishing, if possible, her innocence, informed Professor Tyndall that he cannot permit such an interview.

MARCH 11th.

The *Times* asserts that the British Government has decided to propose to the powers the passage of international legislation in regard to police supervision, etc., with a view to suppressing anarchy.

MARCH 12th.

Acting under orders from the Ministry of the Interior, the police throughout France to-day made extensive raids upon the haunts of anarchists. A hundred and fifty houses were searched, but nothing was found except orthodox anarchist literature. At St. Quentin, twelve arrests were made.

MARCH 13th.

The notorious anarchist Parnava was among the anarchists captured at Valence. At Arades the police found an anarchist named Gaspard Espeuton, whose arrest has been requested by the Spanish Government. Sebastian Faure, the anarchist appointed by Auguste Vaillant as guardian of his daughter Sidonie, has also been arrested.

MARCH 14th.

A telegram from the Governor of Soudan announces that when the Joffre column, en route to Timbuctoo, arrived at the village of Nisfouge, January 23rd, it was menaced by the villagers, and before the soldiers could proceed they were obliged to storm the village, killing 100 of the inhabitants. The column then rescued its march, not having sustained any loss.

MARCH 15th.

Joseph Keppler, caricaturist, editor and proprietor of the comic journal *Puck*, died at 5 o'clock this evening, at his residence, 27 East Seventy-eighth street, in the fifty-sixth year of his age. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure, resulting from a complication of heart and lung troubles.

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